



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## **WEEKEND MASS**

*Upper Church*

**Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated**

**Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm**

## **WEEKEND CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

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## **DAILY MASS**

Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church

Tuesday, 12:00 pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 6:00 pm Upper Church

Thursday, 10:00 am, Upper Church

Friday, 10:00 am, Lower Church

## **DAILY CONFESSIONS**

*Upper Church*

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm

Or by appointment

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Brothers and Sisters,

One of the most troubling questions for anyone who has thought through their faith is the problem of pain. If God is all powerful and all loving why does He allow us to suffer?

Christians are often accused of skirting the issue of suffering, but in fact, the answer to the riddle of suffering is at the heart of our faith. The crucifix is the central image in our faith. We echo the words of St. Paul, who wrote, "We preach Christ and Him crucified."

Instead of suffering being an unanswerable question for Catholics, it is the question itself which takes us to the answer. Why does an all loving God allow suffering? Because He has created us in His own image, and because we are created in His image we have a little bit of His omnipotent power. What I mean is that we have been given free will. We really can do what we want. We are not pre-programmed robots.

This means we can choose between good and evil. If we choose good we receive blessing, life and abundance. If we choose evil we go down the path of destruction, distortion and ultimately--suffering. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." The vast majority of suffering in the world is the result of selfish human choices, and the church teaches that even natural disasters are the result of the whole natural world having fallen into chaos through sin.

In the face of our human suffering, God does not remain distant. Instead, He himself comes among us to bear the weight of human suffering. This event is not merely an abstract theological statement, but a historical fact. So we place His life and suffering in history when we affirm that "He suffered under Pontius Pilate."

This Holy Week we walk with Christ in the *via dolorosa*--the way of sorrow. As we walk with Christ in the way of the cross we not only think about human suffering, and come up with a theological answer, but we come face to face with every aspect of suffering as we enter into the suffering of Our Lord, and move through it to an ultimate resurrection.

This is the answer to suffering: that God Himself bears the suffering with us and for us. This Holy Week let us enter into this truth in a new way, walking with Him through the terrible trials to a new life on the other side.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

### Weekend Collections for Mar. 26, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
Received: \$ 27,655.  
Surplus: \$ 8,655.

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #39 in the Fiscal Year  
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 741,000.  
Received: \$ 827,747.  
Surplus: \$ 86,747.

## Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis

Please join us at 9am on Sunday morning in  
Guadalupe Hall for our continuing studies on  
Church History. This week we will discuss  
"The Church in the Post-Christian World".

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Felix Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Sandra Brock, John Bruce, OFS, Megan Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Joseph Donovan, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Bob Jackowski, Beth Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, Dianne Morrison, Marjorie Munson, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marlowe Pastor, Dcn. Ray & Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy & Earl Smith, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, March 25, through Sunday, April 2**

(Mass Intentions are shown in *italics*)

**All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.**

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| Saturday, 4/1                       | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stanley &amp; Connie Jackowski+</i>   |
| Sunday, 4/2<br><b>Palm Sunday</b>   | 8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Nancy Bryant+</i><br>9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i><br><i>(Procession begins in the parking lot of Lower Church)</i><br>5:00 pm - Mass   |
| Monday, 4/3<br><b>Lower Church</b>  | 8:30 am - Mass, <i>For George Pankrath+</i>   |
| Tuesday, 4/4<br><b>Lower Church</b> | 12:00 pm - Mass   |
| 4/5<br>Spy Wednesday                | 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration<br>4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Anne Clark+</i>  |
| 4/6<br>Holy Thursday                | <b>7:00 pm - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>  |
| 4/7<br>Good Friday                  | <b>3:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion</b><br>(With distribution of Holy Communion)  |
| 4/8<br>Holy Saturday                | <b>8:30 pm - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil</b><br>(NO Confessions at 3:30pm)   |
| 4/9<br><b>Easter Sunday</b>         | 8:00 am - <b>Mass</b> , <i>For Josephine &amp; Murray M. Howard, Jr. and the Suit, Howard, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Hornaday, and Bagwell families+</i><br>10:30 am - <b>Mass</b> , <i>For The People</i><br><i>(NO Confessions at 9am, and NO 5pm Mass)</i> |

## Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

All services are held in Upper Church except the 10:30 am on Palm Sunday when the Procession begins in the lower parking lot.

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| Anticipated Mass  | April 1 | 5:00 pm                    |
| Palm Sunday   | April 2 | 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm |
| <i>Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Spy Wednesday will follow the usual schedules.</i> |         |                            |
| Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper   | April 6 | 7:00 pm                    |
| Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion<br>(with distribution of Holy Communion)         | April 7 | 3:00 pm                    |
| Holy Saturday Easter Vigil  | April 8 | 8:30 pm                    |
| Easter Sunday   | April 9 | 8:00 am, 10:30 am          |

*NO Confessions on Saturday, April 8*

*On Easter Sunday, NO Confessions at 9:00 am, and NO 5:00 pm Mass*



On Easter Monday,  
April 10, there will be  
NO Daily Mass  
or Communion Service.

Parish and School Offices  
will be closed for the Easter holiday  
from April 10-14, and will reopen  
on Monday, April 17.

### ***MOTHER TERESA HOUSE***

*"It is easy to love those who are far away. It isn't always easy to love those who are right next to us. It is easier to offer a dish of rice to satisfy the hunger of a poor person, than to fill up the loneliness and suffering of someone lacking love in our own family. "*

**Mother Teresa**

We often run from activity to activity in order to earn money, to help our children achieve, to go to another meeting. But spending a weekend alone in prayer with just yourself is a most humbling experience because you have to actually see yourself for who you really are. It is important to see our immediate families and truly spend time with them, getting to know them all over gain. Not as we pass each other going to the next event, but to really sit and talk, to play family games or do yard work together. We get to truly see our weaknesses and strengths. We have to look in that mirror as a family. Do we see Jesus in that family photo? As we determine to spend more time alone with ourselves and those we live with, let's spend time together with Jesus. Let's make sure He is in the center of that family photo. He will make all things new again and with Him we can do all things.

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### **SCHOOL NEWS**



**April 6** NOON Dismissal  
**April 7-14** Easter Break-NO School

### **Easter Decorations**

Your help is needed to get our church ready for Easter. This is not an event for small children, however, there are tasks for ages 10 and up.

On **Saturday, April 8**, at 10:30am Upper Church we will decorate the church to prepare for the Easter Services. Please contact Sue Bannio with any questions and to let her know she can count on you. (864) 313-4479, [4SueBannio@gmail.com](mailto:4SueBannio@gmail.com).

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS GRIEF MINISTRY** offers two ways to support grieving individuals in a group setting - *Transformation of Mourning: Grief & Loss of Those We Cherish*, a 6-8 week virtual grief support gathering (recordings of the presentation available for participants) next one begins **March 23, 2023 7:30 pm**, please email [olsgrief@gmail.com](mailto:olsgrief@gmail.com).

Beginning with Catholic prayer, opportunity for voluntary sharing about current status of life/grief, presentation related to grief, opportunity for questions, closing with prayers of petition calling on the Lord to hear and answer them.





## RCIA

Due to Holy Week, our next meeting will be on April 19, and the discussion will be on "The Holy Spirit."

### Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023



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| Adoration            | 2:00 pm |
| Benediction          | 2:45 pm |
| Divine Mercy Chaplet | 3:00 pm |
| Talk on Divine Mercy | 3:15 pm |

In addition to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Novena for the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in Lower Church starting on Friday, April 7, and finishing on Saturday, April 15. The Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm for the Novena except for Good Friday, when it will be prayed at 2 pm.

All are welcome to join **St. Martha's Book Club** for upcoming discussions in Guadalupe Hall from 12:30-2:00 pm.



**Apr 3** *West with Giraffes*  
by Lynda Rutledge

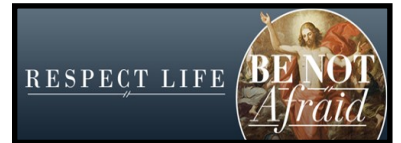
**May 1** *Educated*  
by Tara Westover



We will have HS Your Group meeting on Sunday from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Fr. Longenecker will be presenting on the Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem. Free time will be outside, and the talk and dinner will be in the Cafeteria.

**40 Days for Life Closing Celebration:** You are invited to join us for prayer, music, food, and fellowship at the Closing Celebration for the spring campaign of 40 Days for Life, Sunday, **April 2**, (Palm Sunday), 3-4:15 pm in the parking lot of the Piedmont Women's Center. Come for the wrap-up of our spring campaign, and hear personal testimonials by women whose lives were impacted or threatened by abortion, and how Christ has used this darkest of evils for good in their lives and those of others.



OLR's **Walking With Moms In Need** program assists Moms in Need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies, by offering support for their questions and concerns as well as assisting them in providing for themselves and their growing baby. Once a Mom phones or emails us, we set up an appointment with her where she can receive comfort and a confidential listening

ear. Whether it is applying for Medicaid, finding a food bank or clothing closet, looking into pre-natal care, delivery options or planning for childcare after delivery. Walking With Moms In Need is there to help each mom navigate resources all around us. If you find yourself in need of our free services, we would be so happy to connect with you via email: [wwmin@proton.me](mailto:wwmin@proton.me) or phone: **864-412-7101**.

**You are not alone. We are here for You!**

**Spiritual Adoption Sign-Up:** Can you say a short prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for an unborn child who is in danger of abortion? If so, find the Spiritual Adoption box in the Narthex. There, please fill out a white card/slip and place in the basket. Then take your prayer card with the 2-sentence prayer to say each day, Check the weekly bulletin "foot prints" to see how your baby is growing. Monthly posters in the Narthex will show your baby's developmental progress. Our Spiritual Adoption will culminate with the November Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower for those moms giving birth in December – the arrival of our precious infants! Please join this spiritual battle to protect human lives!

### Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 2: April 2



The beginnings of the various organs and systems are established. Baby's life began at conception a week ago, and now his development is moving at a fast pace.

Rachel's Vineyard  
Healing The Pain Of Abortion  
One Weekend At A Time

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** This Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Now is the time!

**April 14-16**, in Greenville. To register, email [Grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com).